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REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 13-24 and 32-38 will be pending upon entry of this amendment. The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's kind indication that claims 23 and 32-34 are allowed and claim 13 would be allowable if limited to the elected species. Claim 1 has been amended. Method claims 17-24 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 34. New Claims 35-38 are directed to subject matter that is also believed to be allowable.

The Office indicated that claim 33 was allowed but not claim 24. Applicants have not deleted claim 24 as it appears to be allowable.

Applicants have addressed the objection to claims 2-3, by inserting "blinding fragment" in Claim 1.

Applicants traverse the rejection of Claims 1-12 and 14-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The subject matter of Claim 13, which was not rejected, is included in the present Claim 1. All rejected claims ultimately depend from Claim 1, except claims 10-12, which have been cancelled. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If any questions remain, however, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorney so that any such matters may be promptly resolved.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

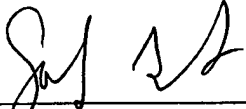
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